(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Urban Poverty Alleviation Project was submitted by the State Government with a view to bring about more effective urban poverty reduction in 32 Class I towns in the State through the convergence and development of existing poverty alleviation programmes in three programme areas—economic, environmental and social. The project will adopt a townwise approach, targeting the poor irrespective of spatial criterion.

(c) The Union Government had submitted a project proposal to Overseas Development Administration (U.K.) for their consideration. The Approval to implement this project from ODA (U.K.) is awaited.

Shortage of officers on Oil Corporations

2452. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of the oil corporations staying at one location for the last more than four years inspite of their promotion;

(b) whether the oil corporation have got the shortage of officers to replace them;

(c) whether the oil corporation are delaying in implementing several Government decisions for the last six months; and

(d) what action is proposed against those oil corporation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) 9614 officers are staying at one location for the last 4 years or more after their promotion. The servies of officers in the oil corporations are transferable to any place in India. However, promotions are not normally linked to transfers. Number of transfers are optimised to minimise the expenditure on account of transfers and hardships to officers. There are opportunities of job rotation even at the same station. Transfers are effected keeping in view the career progression of the officers and the organisational needs.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development work by up Housing Development Board in Ghaziabad

2453. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UP Housing Develop ment Board has undertaken development work for a number of Cooperative Hous ing Societies in Ghaziabad district; if so, the names of such societies;

(b) the terms and conditions under which the development work has been undertaken in each case and the area involved therein;

(c) the date from which the work has started in each case; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the development work has not been completed by the target date; if so, the reasons therefor and the approximate date by which the work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that the U.P. Housing & Development Board has undertaken the development work of Mohan Nagar Karamchari Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. in Ghaziabad.

(b) The development work involving an area of 76.01 acres has been undertaken with the condition that seventy per cent